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## International Workshop on *Benefits Transfer and Valuation Databases: Are We Heading in the Right Direction?*

Marriott Learning Complex in the Ronald Reagan Building  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC  
March 21-22, 2005

### Agenda

#### Monday, March 21, 2005

- 8:30AM      **Registration**
- 9:00AM      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Chris Dockins, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Luis Leigh, Environment Canada  
Bob Davies, Department of Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), United Kingdom
- Workshop Groundrules  
Rich Iovanna, U.S. EPA
- 9:50AM      **Session 1: Valuation Databases**  
Chair: Bob Davies, DEFRA
- An Evaluation of Environmental Valuation Databases around the World*  
Van Lantz, University of New Brunswick, Canada
- 10:35AM      **Break**
- 10:50AM      *The Environmental Valuation Reference Inventory (EVRI) Valuation Database:  
History, Overview and Applications*  
Greg McComb, Environment Canada
- 11:35AM      **Q & A**
- 12:00 Noon      **Lunch (on your own)**
- 1:00PM      **Session 2: Benefits Transfer: The International Context**  
Chair: Marc-Antoine Kleinpeter, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France
- Benefit Transfer in France: Towards Better Recognition*  
Sébastien Terra, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France
- Envalue and the Use of Benefit Transfer in Australia*  
James White, New South Wales Department of Environment and Conservation, Australia
- Benefit Transfer in Southeast Asia*  
David Glover, Economic and Environmental Programs for Southeast Asia, Singapore
- 2:20PM      **Session 2 Discussant Comments**  
Marc-Antoine Kleinpeter, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France
- 2:30PM      **Q & A**
- 2:45PM      **Break**

- 3:00PM **Session 3 Benefits Transfer: State of the Science (Part 1)**  
Chair: Eric English, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA
- Accounting for Ecosystem Services in Spatially Explicit Format: The EcoValue Project Website*  
Matthew Wilson, University of Vermont, USA
- Publication Measurement Error in Benefit Transfers*  
Randall Rosenberger, Oregon State University, USA
- Aquatic Resource Improvements and Benefits Transfer: What Can We Learn from Meta-Analysis?*  
Robert Johnston, University of Connecticut, USA
- International Benefits Transfer: Methods and Validity Tests*  
Richard Ready, Pennsylvania State University, USA
- 4:40PM **Session 3 Discussant Comments**  
Eric English, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA
- 4:50PM **Q & A**
- 5:10PM **Adjourn**

## **Tuesday, March 22, 2005**

- 8:30AM **Registration**
- 9:00AM **Opening Remarks**  
Luis Leigh, Environment Canada
- 9:15AM **Session 4: Benefits Transfer: State of the Science (Part 2)**  
Chair: Erik Helm, U.S. EPA
- Benefit Transfers, Aggregation and Cost-Benefit Analysis: A Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Approach*  
Ian Bateman, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom
- Structural Benefits Transfer*  
V. Kerry Smith, North Carolina State University, USA
- The Incorporation of Prior Information and Expert Opinion in the Transfer Method: The Bayesian Approach*  
Carmelo León, University of Las Palmas, Spain
- 10:30AM **Session 4 Discussant Comments**  
Erik Helm, U.S. EPA
- 10:40AM **Q & A**
- 10:55AM **Break**

- 11:10AM **Session 5: Panel Discussion Debating the Basis for Benefits Transfer**  
Chair: Dennis King, University of Maryland, USA  
15-minute presentations by each panelist, followed by a 10-minute panel member response to each presentation
- Use of Benefits Transfer in Regulatory Analyses*  
Jim Laity, Office of Management and Budget, USA
- Benefits Transfer: Time for a Peer-Reviewed, Dedicated Journal*  
John Hoehn, Michigan State University, USA
- Alternatives to Benefit Transfer: Broadening the Concept of Valuation*  
Clive Spash, Macaulay Institute and University of Aberdeen, Scotland, UK
- 12:25PM **Session 5 Discussant Comments**  
Dennis King, University of Maryland, USA
- 12:35PM **Q & A**
- 12:50PM **Lunch (on your own)**
- 2:00PM **Session 6: Alternative Approach**  
Chair: Randall Bruins, U.S. EPA
- Alternate Approaches: Why Do We Need Them? What Should They Look Like?*  
James Boyd, Resources for the Future, USA
- Introducing Environmental Multi-criteria Decision Analysis*  
Tom Seager, Purdue University, USA
- Evaluating Ecosystem Restoration in the Corps of Engineers: Cost Effectiveness and Incremental Cost Analyses*  
Shana Heisey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, USA
- 3:15PM **Session 6 Discussant Comments**  
Randall Bruins, U.S. EPA
- 3:25PM **Q & A**
- 3:40PM **Closing Remarks and Instructions for EVRI Club Meeting**  
Luis Leigh, Environment Canada
- 3:50PM **Break**
- 4:05PM **Meeting of "EVRI Club" Members**
- 5:30PM **Adjourn**